

1. (Currently Amended) A manually-powered floor sweeper, comprising:
  - a chassis;
  - a handle attached to and extending from the chassis;
  - one or more agitator rollers rotatably affixed to the chassis and rotated by movement of the floor sweeper; and
  - a vacuum port formed in the chassis and spaced apart from the handle, with the vacuum port communicating with the one or more agitator rollers and adapted to receive a removable vacuum hose, wherein debris picked up and propelled by the one or more agitator rollers is drawn out, independently from the handle, through the vacuum port, by a vacuum airflow, when the ~~when a vacuum hose~~ is introduced into the vacuum port.
2. (Currently Amended) The floor sweeper of claim 1, wherein the vacuum port further comprises a ~~removable~~-cover that blocks the vacuum port when placed in a closed position.
3. (Original) The floor sweeper of claim 1, further comprising one or more collection bins attached to the chassis and positioned to receive debris picked up and propelled by the one or more agitator rollers, wherein the vacuum port further communicates with the one or more collection bins and wherein debris held in the one or more collection bins is drawn out through the vacuum port when a vacuum is introduced into the vacuum port.
4. (Original) The floor sweeper of claim 1, wherein the vacuum port is further adapted to receive a vacuum cleaner hose.

5. (Currently Amended) A manually-powered floor sweeper, comprising:  
a chassis and a handle;  
~~a handle attached to and extending from the chassis~~;  
one or more agitator rollers rotatably affixed to the chassis and rotated by movement  
of the floor sweeper;  
one or more collection bins attached to the chassis and positioned to receive material  
picked up and propelled by the one or more agitator rollers; and  
a vacuum port formed in the chassis and ~~spaced apart from the handle, with the~~  
~~vacuum port communicating with the one or more collection bins and~~  
adapted to receive a removable vacuum hose, wherein debris held in the one  
or more collection bins is drawn out through the vacuum port when a  
vacuum is introduced into the vacuum port[.]; and  
a cover that blocks the vacuum port when placed in a closed position.
6. (Currently Amended) The floor sweeper of claim 5, wherein the cover fits inside the  
vacuum port. ~~vacuum port further comprises a removable cover that blocks the vacuum~~  
~~port when placed in a closed position.~~
7. (Original) The floor sweeper of claim 5, wherein the vacuum port further  
communicates with the one or more agitator rollers and wherein debris picked up and  
propelled by the one or more agitator rollers is drawn out through the vacuum port when  
a vacuum is introduced into the vacuum port.
8. (Original) The floor sweeper of claim 5, wherein the vacuum port is further adapted  
to receive a vacuum cleaner hose.
9. (Original) The floor sweeper of claim 5, wherein the one or more collection bins are  
removably attached to the chassis.
10. (Original) The floor sweeper of claim 5, wherein the one or more collection bins are  
formed in the chassis.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a manually-powered floor sweeper, said method comprising:

- providing a chassis;
- providing a handle attached to and extending from the chassis;
- providing one or more agitator rollers rotatably affixed to the chassis of the floor sweeper and rotated by movement of the floor sweeper; and
- providing a vacuum port formed in the chassis and spaced apart from the handle, with the vacuum port communicating with the one or more agitator rollers and adapted to receive a removable vacuum hose, wherein debris picked up and propelled by the one or more agitator rollers is drawn out, independently from the handle, through the vacuum port, by a vacuum airflow, when the when a vacuum hose is introduced into the vacuum port.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising providing a ~~removable cover~~ capable of closing the vacuum port in a closed position.

13. (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising providing one or more collection bins in the floor sweeper and positioned to receive material picked up and propelled by the one or more agitator rollers, and wherein the vacuum port further communicates with the one or more collection bins and wherein debris held in the one or more collection bins is drawn out through the vacuum port when a vacuum is introduced into the vacuum port.

14. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the vacuum port is further adapted to receive a vacuum cleaner hose.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a manually-powered floor sweeper, said method comprising:

providing a chassis;

providing a handle attached to and extending from the chassis;

providing one or more collection bins formed in the chassis of the floor sweeper and positioned to receive material picked up or propelled by one or more agitator rollers; and

providing a vacuum port formed in the chassis and ~~spaced apart from the handle,~~  
~~with the vacuum port communicating with the one or more collection bins~~  
and adapted to receive a removable vacuum hose, wherein debris held in the one or more collection bins is drawn out through the vacuum port when a vacuum is introduced into the vacuum port[.]; and

providing a cover that blocks the vacuum port when placed in a closed position.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the cover fits over the vacuum port, ~~further comprising a removable cover that blocks the vacuum port when placed in a closed position.~~

17. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising providing the one or more agitator rollers rotatably affixed to a chassis of the floor sweeper and rotated by movement of the floor sweeper, wherein the vacuum port further communicates with the one or more agitator rollers and wherein debris picked up by the one or more agitator rollers is drawn out through the vacuum port when a vacuum is introduced into the vacuum port.

18. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the vacuum port is further adapted to receive a vacuum cleaner hose.

19. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the one or more collection bins are removably attached to the chassis.

20. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the one or more collection bins are formed in the chassis.

21. (Previously presented) The floor sweeper of claim 1, further comprising one or more collection bins removably attached to the chassis and positioned to receive debris picked up and propelled by the one or more agitator rollers, wherein the vacuum port further communicates with the one or more collection bins and wherein debris held in the one or more collection bins is drawn out through the vacuum port when a vacuum is introduced into the vacuum port.

22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising providing one or more removably attached collection bins in the floor sweeper and positioned to receive material picked up and propelled by the one or more agitator rollers, and wherein the vacuum port further communicates with the one or more collection bins and wherein debris held in the one or more collection bins is drawn out through the vacuum port when a vacuum is introduced into the vacuum port.